

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 3, 7, and 10, have been revised and claim 6 is canceled to place this application in condition for allowance. Currently, claims 1-4, 7-12 and 14-30 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits.

Applicant also wishes to thank Examiner Greenhut for the interview conducted on April 24, 2007. This Supplemental Amendment is responsive to this interview. The changes made to the claims are as follows:

1) Claim 1 is revised to remove the objectionable term "substantial.

2) Claim 3 is revised to be consistent with claim 1 and include that the top and bottom portions of the box beam terminate at the side walls.

3) Claim 7 is revised to be consistent with claim 1 and specify that the side walls of the box beam are inward of the side walls of the trailer.

4) Claim 10 is revised to be consistent with claim 1 and include that the side walls of the box beam are inward of the sides of the trailer.

While the Examiner has removed the term "substantial" from the claims, the language found in each of claims 1, 3, 7, and 10 specifying that a portion of the box beam is between the hitch contact area and the end of the trailer bed still distinguishes over the prior art trailer, wherein the hitch contact area abuts the end of the trailer. This limitation is not found in the prior art nor is there any reason why one of skill in the art would move the hitch contact area absent using hindsight and the Applicant's disclosure.

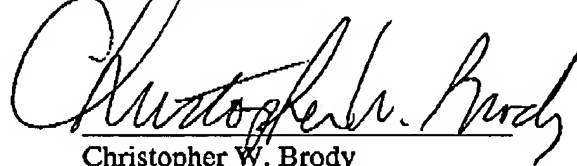
In light of these changes, the arguments above, and the comments of the Examiner, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine this application and pass all pending claims onto issuance.

Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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